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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

As the below named inventors, we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or
- Application No. 09/872,412, filed on 06/01/2001, (if applicable);
- as amended on _____

We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of our knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/22/01

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/5/2001

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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT	Application Number	09/872,412
	Filing Date	6/1/2001
	First Named Inventor	David C. Banks
	Group Art Unit	
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Docket Number	112-0030US

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Name

Ronald S. Epstein

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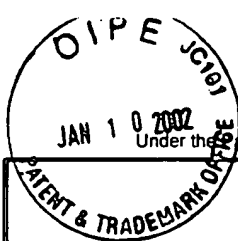
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant: David C. Banks et al.

Application No.: 09/872,412 Filed: 6/1/2001

Entitled: LINK TRUNKING AND MEASURING LINK LATENCY IN FIBRE CHANNEL FABRIC

Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., a California corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

- 1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
- 2. an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

10/23/2001
Date

Signature

Ronald S. Epstein
Typed or printed name

Vice President
Title

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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the person(s) named below (referred to as "INVENTOR" whether singular or plural) has sold, assigned, and transferred and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **Brocade Communications Systems, Inc.**, a California corporation, having a place of business at **1745 Technology Drive, San Jose, California 95110**, ("ASSIGNEE"), for itself and its successors, transferees, and assignees, the following:

1. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in all inventions and improvements ("SUBJECT MATTER") that are disclosed in the provisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(b) or non-provisional application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) and entitled **Link Trunking And Measuring Link Latency In Fibre Channel Fabric** ("APPLICATION"), which:

is to be filed herewith
 was filed on 06/01/2001, (YYYY),
 now bearing U.S. serial number 09/372412 and

2. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to:
 (a) the APPLICATION; (b) all applications claiming priority from the APPLICATION;
 (c) all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other related applications thereto which have been or may be filed in the United States or elsewhere in the world;
 (d) all patents (including reissues and re-examinations) which may be granted on the applications set forth in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above; and (e) all right of priority in the APPLICATION, together with all rights to recover damages for infringement of provisional rights.

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<u>DCB</u> David C. Banks	<u>9/10</u> , 2001	<u>9/10</u> , 2001

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County of _____ }

On _____ before me, _____ personally
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appeared David C. Banks personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Date of Signature</u>	<u>Date Declaration Executed By This Person</u>
<u>Kreg A Martin</u> Kreg A. Martin	<u>8/22</u> , 2001	<u>8/22</u> , 2001

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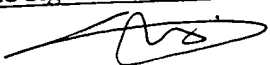
appeared Kreg A. Martin personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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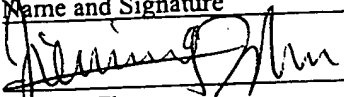
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	8/23, 2001	8/23, 2001
Jieming Zhu		

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